

## MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: June 18, 2014

**Agenda Item:** Parks Lands Property - Update

**Division:** Parks

**Action Needed:** Informational

**Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation:** 20 minutes

**Background** (Brief description of the issue, decision to be made, history, etc.):

Over the years there have been many transactions and funding types involved with the acquisition of the lands for which make up Montana's 54 State Parks and 'affiliated lands'. Some sites are the result of several individual land acquisitions occurring over many years. Additionally, there have been many funding sources utilized for these acquisitions, depending on available funding, the perceived appropriateness of the funding at the time, and other factors.

There are several State Park sites (or portions of sites) that appear to have been were purchased utilizing License Account or federal Pittman-Roberts funds. The majority of these transactions occurred in the 1960's and often involved License Account funds being matched 50/50 with the available federal Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) monies. At least two sites appear to have been purchased as Fishing Access Sites and entirely with License Account funds. The sites were subsequently incorporated into the State Park system.

Attached is a summary of the individual State Park and 'affiliated lands' sites to aid in the discussion of the issues and possible solutions ahead. The department is actively working to verify accuracy of records, address any areas of conflict and make adjustments in designation and ownership as appropriate.

**Public Involvement Process & Results** (Brief description of the type of public involvement and summary of what we heard from the public):

At this time there has been not public involvement. If/when any specific land transaction projects beyond the administrative level are proposed related to this issue, they will follow the established public comment process.

**Alternatives and Analysis** (Brief description of alternative solutions with analysis of the pros and cons of each):

N/A

Agency Recommendation and Rationale (Brief description of our recommendation to the Board and the reasons for it):

N/A

**Proposed Motion** (Draft language the Board could use to adopt the agency recommendation):

This is an informational item and update only for the Board. No Board action is required.